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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF

Laura A. Qualey, C.H.H.A. Certificate No.: 26NH13262900

TO PRACTICE AS A CERTIFITED HOMEMAKER HOME HEALTH AIDE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDER FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information that Laura A. Qualey, C.H.H.A. ("Respondent"), was arrested on May 3, 2013 by the Saddle River Police Department for resisting arrest and for possessing a prescription legend drug or stramonium preparation.

Additionally, the Board received a complaint from Valley Home Care reporting that on May 3, 2013, Respondent arrived to care for the client at the client's home, but Respondent appeared to be impaired. Respondent was asked to leave and while

leaving, struck the mailbox and lamp post. Respondent did not respond to Valley Home's request to meet and discuss the matter. Since Respondent did not respond, she was terminated by Valley Home, her employer, three days after the incident had occurred.

Respondent responded to the Board's request for information through her attorney, Aiman Ibrahim, by providing the Board with copies of the police report; the Municipal Court of Saddle River order stating that Respondent was found guilty of a traffic offense; additional documentation to assist the Board in its investigation; and a narrative signed by Respondent explaining and the circumstances leading to the arrest. Respondent's narrative acknowledged that at the incident occurred, she was dealing with a great depression and had turned to alcohol. These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c) and (f). It appearing that Respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS Of DAY OF August, 2014,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders her certification to practice as homemaker-home health aid in the State of New Jersey. Respondent shall not hereafter apply for reinstatement of her certification unless and until a mental

health professional provides a comprehensive report recommending that Respondent is fit to provide in-home care.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist practicing as a certified homemaker-home health aid in the State of New Jersey and shall not represent herself as a homemakerhome health aid unless and until her certification is reinstated by further Order of the Board. Any practice in this State prior to reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of practicing without a certificate.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

President

I have read and understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent. to the entry of this order.

Laura A. Qualey, C.H.H.A

I consent to the form and entry of this order.

Aiman Ibrahim, Esq.